

Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, CB
SUBJECT: LON NON REPORTEDLY TO RETURN TO PHNOM PENH BY END OF
SEPTEMBER

REF: PHNOM PENH 11904

1. ON SEPTEMBER 13 UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INFORMATION
THONG LIM HUONG TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE HAS NOW RE-
CEIVED ANOTHER LETTER FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL LON NON FROM
PARIS (SUBSEQUENT TO THE LETTER REPORTED IN REFTEL) STATING
HIS INTENTION TO COME TO PHNOM PENH BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

2. IN ADDITION, THE EMBASSY RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM
CHAMCAR MON AN APPROACH BY PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT AND
LONG-TIME LON NON FOLLOWER UNG SIKHUN WHO, IN THE
COURSE OF A CALL ON ANOTHER EMBASSY OFFICER, ASKED WHAT
HE THOUGHT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF LON NON'S RETURN
TO PHNOM PENH.

3. WE ARE GETTING A BIT TIRED OF LON NON'S ON-AGAIN,
OFF-AGAIN CHANGES OF PLAN WHICH MORE AND MORE TAKE ON
THE APPEARANCE OF A GAME, OR A HOPE THAT AT SOME
POINT SOME EXASPERATED US OFFICIAL WILL SAY SOMETHING
LIKE, "WHAT THE HECK* LET HIM COME BACK IF HE WANTS
TO." WHEREUPON LON NON WOULD TAKE THE NEXT PLANE FROM
PARIS TO PHNOM PENH. LEAVE IT TO THE DEPARTMENT WHAT

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IT WISHES TO DO ABOUT LON NON, BUT NEEDLESS TO SAY WE

COULD DO WITHOUT HIS PRESENCE HERE IN VIEW OF ALL THE
OTHER PROBLEMS WE ARE GRAPPLING WITH.
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